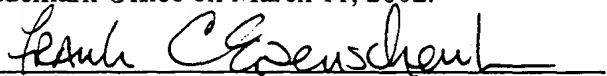


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A Petition and Fee for a two-month Extension of Time through and including March 11, 2002, accompanies this Response.

In response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2001, please Applicants' remarks set forth below.

Remarks

Claims 1-56 were initially pending in the subject application. In response to a restriction requirement, claims 1-16, 30, and 51-52 were elected for examination on August 16, 2000. By way of the amendment of July 17, 2001, claims 4-7 were cancelled and claims 57-58 were added.